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Period: _____

Of Mice and Men

Web Quest

Directions: Answer the following questions after using the websites to conduct your research. Your answers should be in complete sentences and reflect effort. Be sure that the questions you are answering match up with the website provided to you.

WRITE ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES FOR FULL CREDIT!!!

A: Info About The Great Depression: <https://bit.ly/32Wltz4>

1. What were some of the causes of the Great Depression? List at least three.
2. About how many Americans were unemployed during the peak of the depression?
3. Who was the president at the start of the Great Depression?
4. How did the president (answer to #4) respond to the crises? Did his actions help or hurt the situation?
5. Which President is credited with ending the Depression? What did he do that helped bring the economic crisis to an end?
6. What factors led to the end of the Great Depression? Discuss at least two factors.
7. What similarities can you make between the Great Depression and the economic struggles that people experience today?

B: Info About the Dust Bowl and Migrant Workers:

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl/legacy/>

<https://bit.ly/2Jw8sVh>

1. What was the Dust Bowl?
2. What were some of the causes of the Dust Bowl?
3. Who was affected the most by the Dust Bowl? Explain.
4. Explain how the Dust Bowl contributed to the Great Depression. How does one affect the other?
5. Can you think of anything we face today that might be similar to the Dust Bowl? Are there any circumstances that may lead to a similar agricultural crisis?
6. What challenges did migrant workers face during the Great Depression?
7. Why is it so difficult to get an accurate estimate of migrant workers for a decade?
8. What kinds of living conditions did migrant workers experience during the 1930s?
9. How might the Dust Bowl have contributed to the challenges and poor conditions of migrant workers during the Great Depression?

C: Photos of the Dust Bowl/Great Depression

1. Look at picture #1. <https://bit.ly/2qPYuYl>

- What are the two men in this picture carrying? What does that suggest?
- Why do you think that the photographer chose this image to focus on?
- How might this connect to *Of Mice and Men* (if this is your first station, you may want to come back to this question later)?

2. Look at picture #2. <https://bit.ly/31OS9t2>

- What is your eye immediately drawn to when you look at this picture? Why?
- What do you notice about the children in this picture? Why do you think they're not looking at the camera?
- How would you describe the mother's facial expression? Why?
- Describe the clothing in this picture.

3. Look at picture #3. <https://bit.ly/2qSj0rr>

- What natural disaster is taking place in this picture?
- Are the people in this picture prepared for this event? How do you know?
- What do you make of the child that is being left behind in this picture? Why do you think that is?

4. Look at picture #4. <https://bit.ly/31X2C5I>

- What holiday is taking place in this picture?
- How are these men celebrating this holiday?
- What does their furniture (house, seating, etc.) consist of?
- Describe their surroundings. Where do these men appear to be?

D: Salinas Valley, California: <https://bit.ly/2NoQ7e0>

<https://bit.ly/36oiUbm>

1. Examine the two articles on Salinas, CA. What kinds of jobs are available there?
2. What is the nickname for the Salinas Valley? How did it get this nickname?
3. Where in California is the Salinas Valley located?
4. What was Salinas like during the Great Depression?

E: John Steinbeck: <https://www.biography.com/writer/john-steinbeck>

WE WILL WATCH A BRIEF VIDEO TOGETHER BEFORE COMPLETING THIS SECTION

1. After we watch the video over John Steinbeck, answer the following questions:
 - Where was John Steinbeck born?
 - What was his first major success? When was it published?
 - What year was *Of Mice and Men* published? What kind of reviews did it get?
 - What did John Steinbeck write about very often?
 - What Steinbeck novel won him the Pulitzer Prize?
 - How and when did John Steinbeck die?
2. Look at the Nobel Prize website: <https://bit.ly/36bGW9j>
 - Name **at least three novels other than *Of Mice and Men* (with their years of publication)** that John Steinbeck wrote. Put a star next to any of these novels that you've heard before: